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SUBJECT: TRINIDAD HERRERA

REF: MANILA 7164

1. FROM YOUR ACCOUNT IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU DID A FINE JOB OF GETTING THROUGH TO MARCOS. PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR EFFORTS AND KEEP US INFORMED. THIS CASE OBVIOUSLY WILL GET CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE ALL DO EVERYTHING WITHIN OUR CAPABILITY TO MAKE CLEAR THAT SUCH ACTIONS (IF THE CHARGES ARE TRUE) CAN AT A MINIMUM GRAVELY DAMAGE THE OVERALL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO OLD FRIENDS. FURTHERMORE, THE CASE IN AND OF ITSELF SEEMS INCOMPREHENSIBLE AND REPUGNANT IN EVERY DETAIL.

2. SINCE YOU CAN ANTICIPATE BEING CHARGE FOR AT LEAST TWO,
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AND IN ALL LIKELIHOOD THREE MONTHS, I HOPE THAT YOU CAN ESTABLISH THAT YOU ARE NOT JUST HOLDING THE FORT, BUT THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO REPRESENT THE USG WITH THE SAME EFFECTIVENESS THAT YOU HAVE JUST SHOWED. IN THESE EFFORTS YOU CAN BE ASSURED OF MY PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR YOU, AND IF YOU FEEL THE NEED FOR ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND/OR SUPPORT, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO COME BACK TO US FOR IT.

THE COMING MONTHS WILL BE IMPORTANT -- NOT ON THE BASE

NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WE ASSUME WILL NOT BE RESUMED FOR A
WHILE, BUT ON THE OVERALL SHAPE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE
PHILIPPINES. CHRISTOPHER

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